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BOARD PROVIDES EMERGENCY LOAN FOR REPAIR OF FAILED WATER SYSTEM WELL

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The Idaho Water Resource Board has approved an emergency \$20,000 loan to pay for reconstruction of a failed well for Bonnie Laura Water Corporation near Emmett, Board officials said today.

The Corporation provides water for indoor and outdoor use to 26 homes located near Emmett. Its main well failed June 27 cutting water supplies by 60 percent. Since then a backup well had been used and water rationing implemented for the homeowners.

The well was repaired August 1 and put back on line. However, the group turned to the Board asking for a loan to pay for the work.

The Board approved the loan at its regular meeting Friday (August 9) in Montpelier.

In other action, the Board deferred action on a request to extend the term of a loan to the Preston-Riverdale-Mink Creek Canal Company.

Another request, from the Malad Valley Irrigation Company, for funds to repair St. John Dam was withdrawn after analysis showed it probably was not feasible to repair the structure. Officials say there are more cost-effective ways to replace the water stored behind the dam.

The Board also met jointly August 8 with the Utah Board of Water Resources to discuss a variety of bi-state water distribution issues, technical studies involving shared water resources such as Bear Lake and issues involved with the Bear River Compact.

The Idaho and Utah Board members also joined together for a tour of various Bear Lake and Bear River water storage and distribution sites including Stewart Dam, the Lifton pump plant and the site of the proposed Rocky Point dam. The tour also included discussions on power operation, dredging and other joint-state issues related to Bear Lake.

Proponents of the Rocky Point dam, including Idaho Rep. Eulalie Langford of Montpelier, then presented conceptual plans for the project to the IWRB at the August 9 meeting.